

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as shown below. This Listing of Claims will replace prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): An image processing apparatus comprising:  
~~an image a~~ reading unit configured to read ~~image data of~~ a document  
sheet fed from an automatic document feeder;

an image storage unit configured to store ~~[[the]]~~ image data corresponding  
to the document sheet read by the ~~[[image]]~~ reading unit;

a display unit configured to display an image corresponding to the image  
data stored in the image storage unit;

a reading control unit configured to perform a successive reading  
operation, wherein, in the successive reading operation, plural sets of document  
sheets ~~divided from a series of document sheets~~ are independently fed from the  
automatic document feeder and read by the ~~[[image]]~~ reading unit until a read-  
end command is input, and image data corresponding to the read plural sets of  
document sheets is stored in the image storage unit as ~~a series of~~ image data  
corresponding to ~~[[the]]~~ a series of document sheets;

an image outputting unit configured to collectively output the image data  
corresponding to the plural sets of document sheets stored in the image storage  
unit as ~~the series of image data when the read-end command is input~~; and

a control unit configured to enable the display unit to display an image  
~~[[data]]~~ corresponding to the read image data in ~~[[a]]~~ each period ~~from when~~  
~~image data of one divided set of the plural sets of document sheets is read to~~  
~~when image data of another divided set of the plural sets of document sheets is~~  
~~read, in the successive reading operation~~ after performing each reading  
operation of plural sets of document sheets and before inputting the read-end  
command.

Claim 2 (currently amended): An image processing apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the control unit enables the display unit to display ~~the stored image data~~ the image at ~~an interval~~ a period between a first reading ~~process operation~~ operation for ~~[[said]]~~ one ~~divided~~ set of the plural sets of document sheets and a second reading ~~process operation~~ operation for ~~[[said]]~~ another ~~divided~~ set of the plural sets of document sheets, the second reading ~~process operation~~ operation being performed after the first reading ~~process operation~~ operation.

Claim 3 (currently amended): An image processing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

a command acceptance unit configured to accept the read-end command in the successive reading operation,

wherein, in the successive reading operation, the control unit enables the display unit to display the ~~stored~~ image ~~[[data]]~~ before the command acceptance unit accepts the read-end command.

Claim 4 (currently amended): An image processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein, in the successive reading operation, the control unit enables the display unit to display the ~~stored~~ image ~~[[data]]~~ before the second reading ~~process operation~~ operation is started.

Claim 5 (currently amended): An image processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein, in the successive reading operation, the control unit enables the display unit to display the ~~stored~~ image ~~[[data]]~~ after completion of the first reading ~~process operation~~ operation and before the second reading ~~process operation~~ operation is started.

Claim 6 (currently amended): An image processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a re-read unit configured to re-read a document ~~[[page]]~~ by the ~~[[image]]~~ reading unit and replace image data corresponding to an image ~~[[data]]~~ currently displayed on the display unit with image data obtained by the re-reading.

Claim 7 (currently amended): An image processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein in response to completion of the first reading ~~process~~ operation, inputting of a command to display the image corresponding to the image data stored in the image storage unit on the display unit is enabled.

Claim 8 (currently amended): An image processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein in response to completion of the first reading ~~process~~ operation, inputting of the read-end command in the successive reading operation is enabled.

Claim 9 (currently amended): An image processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein a re-read command is allowed to be input to re-read a document ~~[[page]]~~ by the ~~[[image]]~~ reading unit and replace image data corresponding to the image currently displayed on the display unit with image data obtained by the re-reading.

Claim 10 (currently amended): An image processing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

a suspending instruction unit configured to instruct suspension of the successive reading operation for the series of document sheets and resume the suspended reading operation,

wherein the ~~interval~~ period is provided by the suspending instruction unit.

Claim 11 (currently amended): An image processing method comprising:  
performing a successive reading operation, wherein, in the successive reading operation, plural sets of document sheets ~~divided from a series of~~ ~~document sheets~~ are independently fed from an automatic document feeder and

read until a read-end command is input, and image data corresponding to the read plural sets of document sheets is stored in an image storage unit as ~~a series of image data corresponding to [[the]]~~ a series of document sheets;

outputting, collectively, the image data corresponding to the plural sets of document sheets stored in the image storage unit ~~as the series of image data when the read-end command is input~~; and

allowing a display unit to display the stored image ~~[[data]]~~ corresponding to the read image data in ~~[[a]]~~ each period from when image data of one divided set of the plural sets of document sheets is read to when image data of another divided set of the plural sets of document sheets is read, in the successive reading operation after performing each reading operation of plural sets of document sheets and before inputting the read-end command.

Claim 12 (currently amended): An image processing method according to claim 11,

wherein displaying of the ~~stored~~ image ~~[[data]]~~ by the display unit is allowed at ~~an interval~~ a period between a first reading ~~process~~ operation for ~~[[said]] one divided~~ set of the plural sets of document sheets and a second reading ~~process~~ operation for ~~[[said]] another divided~~ set of the plural sets of document sheets, the second reading ~~process~~ operation being performed after the first reading ~~process~~ operation.

Claim 13 (currently amended): An image processing method according to claim 12, further comprising:

accepting the read-end command in the successive reading operation, wherein, in the successive reading operation, displaying of the ~~stored~~ image ~~[[data]]~~ by the display unit is allowed the read-end command is accepted.

Claim 14 (currently amended): An image processing method according to claim 12, wherein, in the successive reading operation, displaying of the ~~stored~~

image [[data]] by the display unit is allowed before the second reading ~~process~~  
operation is started.

Claim 15 (currently amended): An image processing method according to claim 12, wherein, in the successive reading operation, displaying of the ~~stored~~ image [[data]] by the display unit is allowed after completion of the first reading ~~process~~ operation and before the second reading ~~process~~ operation is started.

Claim 16 (currently amended): An image processing method according to claim 11, further comprising:

re-reading a document [[page]]; and

replacing image data corresponding to an image [[data]] currently displayed on the display unit with image data obtained by the re-reading.

Claim 17 (currently amended): An image processing method according to claim 12, wherein in response to completion of the first reading ~~process~~ operation, inputting of a command to display the image corresponding to image data stored in the image storage unit on the display unit is enabled.

Claim 18 (currently amended): An image processing method according to claim 13, wherein in response to completion of the first reading ~~process~~ operation, inputting of the read-end command in the successive reading operation is enabled.

Claim 19 (currently amended): An image processing method according to claim 15, wherein a re-read command is allowed to be input to re-read a document [[page]] and replace image data corresponding to image data corresponding to the image currently displayed on the display unit with image data obtained by the re-reading.

Claim 20 (currently amended): An image processing method according to claim 12, further comprising:

instructing suspension of the successive reading operation for the series of document sheets; and

resuming the suspended reading operation,

wherein the ~~interval~~ period is provided by the instruction.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for implementing an image processing method according to claim 11.

Claim 22 (previously presented): A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for implementing an image processing method according to claim 12.

Claim 23 (previously presented): A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for implementing an image processing method according to claim 13.

Claim 24 (previously presented): A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for implementing an image processing method according to claim 14.

Claim 25 (previously presented): A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for implementing an image processing method according to claim 15.

Claim 26 (previously presented): A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for implementing an image processing method according to claim 16.

Claim 27 (previously presented): A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for implementing an image processing method according to claim 17.

Claim 28 (previously presented): A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for implementing an image processing method according to claim 18.

Claim 29 (previously presented): A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for implementing an image processing method according to claim 19.

Claim 30 (previously presented): A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for implementing an image processing method according to claim 20.